

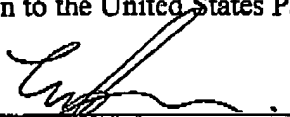
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2004. This response is filed contemporaneously with a petition for a two-month extension, to extend the period for timely reply to October 21, 2004. This response is filed contemporaneously with a request for continued examination and a notice of change of representative. Commissioner is authorized to

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charge all fees relating to the extension and any further fees to agent's deposit account no. 15-0633. Applicant hereby petitions for a further extension, if required.

No new claim is added by the present amendment. As such, no additional claim fee is believed to be required.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out herebelow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims which beings on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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